

To the Members of the Insurance and Real Estate committee,

I am writing today in staunch opposition to HB6656. Were it not for today's snowstorm plus my two previous personal testimonies last week to address other bills attacking the rights of peaceful CT citizens, I would be there today.

I spent 17 hours in the Legislative Office Building last Thursday with a tidal wave of people in opposition to other draconian firearm bills presented before the Security committee. It must be that those legislators who then brought forth HB6656 were not in those hearings. Perhaps a few were not listening.

In ways HB6656 is even more disturbing than SB1076. It proves that some of our legislators really do not understand the Constitution of the United States or the Connecticut Constitution. I will not bother you with quotes. To attempt to pass a law that would steal more money from honest citizens of this state who own firearms for self-protection is reprehensible. Requiring insurance (\$\$) to exercise our rights is a disgusting attempt to strip those same rights away or make it simply financially impossible for those in lower income brackets. **To fabricate a new insurance market to profit on the backs of murdered children is something I cannot fathom.** That should have been the description of this bill.

Moral and constitutional infringements aside, there is no need for a law such as this. What tiny percentage of legal firearm owners in this state are involved in actual shootings?

As Connecticut struggles to deal with the aftermath of Newtown there seems to be legislators with a clear agenda to abuse their positions by using the emotions of the event by raising garbage legislation such as HB6656. Even proposing bills such as this is a kick in the face to every resident of this once proud but now broken state. I am ashamed to live here but more determined than ever to fix this pervasive rot in our state government.

Do such bills as this address root causes of mass/random killings? No. Do they help enforce laws already on the books to deal with typical violent offenders? No. Instead such bills only threaten our rights, and apparently now, our wallets. While wasting time and money doing so, you miss opportunities to enforce real existing solutions and save lives that are extinguished every week in our major cities. There is blood directly on the hands of those of you with such misplaced agendas.

Such unwarranted legislative attacks are now remembered, carefully tabulated, and shall be rectified come the next election cycle. If you have any doubt in that fact, you have not been spending as much time in the Legislative Office Building as we have.

I look forward to working with members of our legislature whom are striving for real solutions. I know that some of you are under tremendous pressure to do the wrong things and to do them quickly by the state owned media and a certain petty tyrant who already has another job in Washington D.C. I applaud your efforts to truly understand the root of the real problems at hand. We will favorably remember your votes as well.

Thank you

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